

Fwd: Planned Truck Demonstration - Slowdown and Impacts to CI

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Good work everyone!!
This went all the way up to the Deputy Minister.
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Subject: Planned Truck Demonstration - Slowdown and Impacts to CI

Deputy,
The GOC team put this together primarily from open sources on potential CI impacts and we will be sharing with SEISP partners.

Overview:

- Starting last Saturday (15 Jan), COVID-19 vaccination is mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the United States to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival. This measure was met with disapproval from the truckers and the trucking industry initiating calls to demonstrate against the measure by potentially impacting CI (transportation and supply chains).

Key Points:

- o A number of Canadian truckers have planned a large convoy with hopes of ending the mandatory vaccine mandate:
- o Trucking convoys from across the country are planning to gather in Ottawa on 28-29 Jan to have a demonstration.
- o According to one of the organizers "We don't want to disrupt all supply chains, we just want to disrupt to ones who are disrupting us and that's Ottawa."
- The federal vaccine mandate could result in a loss of 12,000 to 16,000 cross-border commercial drivers, according to the Canadian Trucking Alliance. [Link](#)
- The president and CEO of CTAQ (Conseil de la transformation alimentaire du Québec), states the food supply chain, already weakened by the pandemic and a labour shortage, will bear additional pressure from this measure, increasing already elevated food prices. [Link](#)

- o Trade associations on both sides of the border have said the restriction would put additional strain on supply chains amid the latest COVID-19 surge and severe worker shortages [Link](#).
- Some demonstrations have already started to occur across Canada
 - o Manitoba
 - § On 19 Jan, a group of truck drivers demonstrated against the mandate at the US-Manitoba international border, blocking the highway and slowing traffic. [Link](#)
 - o Ontario:
 - § On 23 Jan, a demonstration is planned outside Sarnia near the Canada's Border Crossing (Report from TC). The goal is to slow down traffic. This demonstration is being planned to occur until the vaccine mandate is lifted.

Assessment (derived from information available on open sources) for the 28-29 Jan

Demonstration in Ottawa:

- Trucking convoys driving slowly on highways could cause travel delays for commercial or personal vehicles on major highways
- The trucking convoys gathering in Ottawa could severely impact the travel of commercial and personal vehicles within the City.
 - o In addition, this may disrupt the travel of emergency vehicles
 - o Ottawa Police will be having drills before the 28-29 Jan to be able to manage the "situation"
- As most government workers are working from home, the disruption to government activities might be minor (since people are not coming to the office)
- The intention is to hold a peaceful demonstration and there is no indication of hostility, therefore the risk to public safety is considered very low (except if emergency vehicles cannot access to sites where they need to be because if there are a lot of trucks in the NCR).
- There is concern of impacts to supply chains throughout the country due to the potential loss of 12,000 to 16,000 commercial drivers.

Detailed Report / Breakdown by the activities per provinces for the 28-29 Jan Demonstration in Ottawa

BC Nexus:

- A group of truckers is planning to drive across the country to demonstrate against a federal vaccine mandate in Canada's capital.
- The first leg of the convey, dubbed "The Convey For Freedom 2022", is set to leave B.C. on Sunday (23 Jan) (western route). Convoy organizers plan to arrive in Ottawa on Jan. 29, where truckers from other provinces will join. [Link](#)

Ontario:

- The southern route will leave on the 27 Jan or 29 Jan (unsure of the date) from Windsor, Ont. [Link](#)

Quebec Nexus (Truck Drivers from QC):

- Quebec truckers who disagree with mandatory vaccinations against COVID-19 are planning to demonstrate on 28 Jan by organizing truck convoys to Ottawa from numerous border crossings between Canada and the United States.
- A Facebook page called "Freedom convoy 2022" states that next Friday (28 Jan), truckers will gather before dawn at the border crossings of Saint-Théophile in Chaudière-Appalaches, Stanstead in the Eastern Townships and Saint-Bernard-de-Lacolle in the Montérégie before regrouping in the area of Highway 40 in Vaudeuil, west of Montreal, to drive to Ottawa.
- The demonstration in Ottawa is expected to culminate by 12 p.m.
- The vaccination measure has been met with disapproval, with the Conseil de la transformation alimentaire du Québec (CTAQ) estimating that the requirement represents between 12,000 and 16,000 fewer truckers on the road.

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Atlantic Nexus

- The eastern route is to begin on 27 Jan in Enfield, Nova Scotia. [Link](#)

We'll be sharing this information with PCO's CMC.

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